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Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects

Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

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I. Introduction

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 19 September 2001, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-sixth session the item entitled "Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects" and to allocate it to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee).

2. The Fourth Committee considered the item at its 20th to 22nd meetings, on 20 and 21 November 2001 (see A/C.4/56/SR.20-21).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following background documents:

(a) Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the implementation of the report of the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations (A/56/478);

(b) Report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations (A/55/1024 and Corr.1);

(c) Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.23 (A/C.5/55/46 and Add.1 and Corr.1).¹

¹ Draft resolution A/C.4/55/L.23 was adopted by the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) at the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly (see A/55/572/Add.1, para. 10).



4. At the 20th meeting, on 20 November, the Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations made a statement (see A/C.4/56/SR.20).
5. At the same meeting, a discussion was held with the Under-Secretary-General, who responded to questions raised by delegations (see A/C.4/56/SR.20).
6. At its 22nd meeting, on 21 November, the Committee decided to devote part of the meeting to a continuation of its discussion with the Under-Secretary-General in informal, closed session.
7. At the same meeting, the Committee concluded the current stage of its consideration of agenda item 89.
8. No proposals were submitted and no action was taken by the Committee under the item at the current stage.